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In re Application of:

Jill E. Wood et al.

Examiner: F. Higel

Serial No.: 09/755,060

Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: January 8, 2001

Title: INHIBITION OF RAF KINASE ACTIVITY USING ARYL UREAS

BRIEF ON APPEAL

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Real Party in Interest

This application is assigned to Bayer Pharmaceutical Corporation by means of an assignment filed at reel 014125, frame 0545.

Related Appeals and Interferences

There are no known related appeals or interferences.

Status of Claims

Claims 18-31 are pending in the present application, and are all on appeal.

Status of Amendments

There were no amendments filed subsequent to final rejection.

Summary of Invention

The present application is drawn to 29 compounds of the formulae:

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$$t$$
-Bu O
 CO_2CH_3

$$CO_2CH_3$$
 O
 N
 Et
 t -Bu
 S
 N
 N
 N
 Et

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See, for example, the specification at page 1, line 30 through page 5, line 9.

<u>Issues</u>

The only issue for consideration on this appeal is whether the claims of the present application are obvious under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Argument

The only issue outstanding in this appeal is whether the present application, claiming 29 compounds, is obvious over the parent application, which recites 30 compounds. The basis for the rejection appears to be "significant" overlap between the compounds claimed between the two applications, with the parent application in fact claiming all of the 29 compounds claimed herein.

It is respectfully submitted that a rejection under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting requires that the claim of the referenced patent render structurally obvious later claims. See, for example, In re Bratt, 937 F2d586, 19 U.S.P.Q.2d1289 (Fed. Cir. 1991). It is respectfully submitted that no motivation is present for one of ordinary skill in the art to delete, from the claims of the parent, the 30th compound. It is submitted that motivation is necessary in order to support an obviousness rejection, see In re Laskowski, 10 U.S.P.Q.2d 1397 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Since an obviousness-type double patenting rejection is but an obviousness rejection, it is submitted that motivation to make the change has not been established and, thus, the rejection fails.

It is submitted that the rejection of record should be overturned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted.

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APPENDIX

Cancel claims 1 to 17 without prejudice or disclaimer

18. A method for the treatment of cancerous cell growth mediated by raf kinase, comprising administering a compound of the formulae:

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19. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of the formulae

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20. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of the formulae

CO2CH3

CO₂CH₃

or
$$NH NH NH N-i-Pr$$
 CO_2CH_3

21. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of the formula

22. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of the formula

23. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of formulae

24. A method according to claim 18, comprising administering a compound of formulae

25.

29. A compound according to claim 25, of the formula